

No Armistice in Sight

Signing of an armistice last July ending hostilities in Korea was an occasion for rejoicing throughout our country. During three years of warfare with Communist armies, American forces had lost more than 25,000 men killed in action on a foreign battle field. Today we are still engaged in a grim fight on the home front with an enemy more deadly than all of the armies which the Communists put in the field in Korea. And on this battle front there is no armistice in sight. This current conflict is taking a yearly toll of lives nine times greater than those suffered by our armed forces during three years of war in Korea. The foe responsible for this daily threat to the lives of Americans is cancer. During 1953, a total of 227,000 persons in the United States died from the dread disease, which, it is estimated, will strike at one out

of every five Americans at some time in their lives. The nationwide campaign to conquer this country's second most deadly killer is being spearheaded by the American Cancer Society with a comprehensive, three-fold program of public and professional education, service to patients and scientific research into the causes and most effective methods of curing or arresting the disease. Everyone cannot engage directly in the campaign being fought by scientists, family doctors, nurses and hundreds of thousands of volunteer workers to eradicate cancer. But we all can join indirectly in the struggle by contributing generously to the cause through our local American Cancer Society unit, whose goal is \$3000. We hope when a volunteer calls for your donation you will not miss this chance to strike back at cancer—man's cruellest enemy.

The Salute Comes Back

The Army-Navy-Air Force Journal, a service publication, recently predicted the twenty-four-hour salute may come back into vogue. It reported old officials were considering reordering old-time military salutes between men and officers, on and off base. Eight years ago, after a study of the problem by a committee, the hand salute, off post, was abandoned. The new plan, including the return of the twenty-four-hour salute, is designed to raise the esprit de corps of the Army, aid discipline and help restore respect for rank. There are many who believe elimination of off-base saluting has not accomplished what the committee, headed by Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle, had hoped it would. We believe an order reinstating the salute as the official military greeting between men

and officers, both on and off base, should be issued. The salute is nothing more than a greeting between men of arms and is a traditional mark of respect which has passed the test of the centuries. If officers are to be given the respect of an initial salute from those of lower rank on the base, we see no reason why such a procedure should not be followed off the base. In almost all instances where saluting would be awkward or embarrassing, omissions are not resented by those of higher rank. We see no reason why a lower ranking enlisted man or officer should resent saluting those of higher rank, since those of higher rank must, automatically, return the salute, which is nothing more than a greeting and a formality, having nothing to do with subservience or inferiority.

Modern Vikings

Three young scientists recently completed a 3000-mile, 32-day drift across the Atlantic from Dakar, French West Africa, to Barbados, in the West Indies. The expedition was a partial reminder of the famous Kon-Tiki adventure of several seasons back when Thor Heyerdahl, a Norwegian anthropologist, led an expedition that drifted from South America to the Polynesian Islands in the South Pacific. The latest expedition, consisting of an Englishman, a New Zealander and a Malayan,

was not as dangerous as the South Pacific adventure of the Norwegians, since the three scientists who recently drifted across the Atlantic carried with them an 18-ton yawl. The expedition was backed by the Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, and Frank Evans, leader of the expedition, says the three adventurers brought back enough specimens of marine life for a year's work of sorting and classifying. One of the results of the voyage, he said, was the finding that the North and South equatorial currents actually mingled to a considerable extent in crossing the Atlantic from East to West. Previously, these currents were thought to remain pretty much apart, the South current moving in latitudes as far South as Natal, in Brazil, and the North current passing North of the Cape Verde Islands.

U. S. and Indo-China

Recently, major objections have been voiced in Capitol Hill against the involvement of U. S. personnel in the war in Indo-China. Legislators have warned the President not to involve Americans in that war to the extent that their lives may be risked. The President has explained his policy as one of limited technical, ground-crew and equipment aid. While there is always a possibility that U. S. technicians, or pilots, operating in Indo-China, will be injured or even killed, these chances are being held to the minimum, and, as this is written, no American has yet lost his life in the effort to aid France. The French are taking elaborate precautions to prevent the killing of any of the more than 300 American technicians and pilots now in Indo-China. Nevertheless, there remains the possibility that an American, or even more than one, might be injured or even killed before French pilots and technicians are trained to take the place of Americans now aiding French air operations. If Americans wish to volunteer to aid the French in fighting communism in Indo-China, then it might not be inappropriate for them to do so even if a few lives are lost. Certainly, Americans have done the same thing in many wars against tyranny in the past. As long as the French effort can be stiffened by a scattering of U. S. volunteer aid, then the French will no doubt fight better and the morale of the Vietnam forces will unquestionably be higher. It is somewhat similar to the situation which existed for the Axis forces in North Africa in 1941 and 1942, when German units were used successfully to provide stiffening for their less effective Italian brethren.

Note from India

One little-noticed item in the news of late was a dispatch from New Delhi telling of India's rejection of a French proposal for a plebiscite in four tiny French colonies along the Indian coast. The Indian government has been demanding France cede these small territories to India. The French, in turn, have suggested a plebiscite in the small colonies—all holdovers from colonial days. The French have said they would abide by the will of the people as expressed in plebiscites. But India—whose leaders are always ready to criticize the United States for a lack of individual freedom in Puerto Rico—is not herself in favor of the only democratic way to determine the sentiments of the people to be affected by a transfer of their property to India. India is unwilling to accept the plebiscite principle. The only solution she is ready to accept, it seems, is her solution—which amounts to Indian acquisition of the four colonies, regardless of the desires of the people contained therein. That Indian concept of democracy is as fallacious as the Indian concept of neutrality.

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Shops at the present time have a fast growing "back door" business, men who are afraid and sensitive about coming in the front door, but by "appointments" after hours, can have this much needed haircut, scalp treatment and massage. Yes, 1955 will be the greatest year the beauty business has ever had—for men!... Arone Twyman, who is the decorator's decorator, will feature extra feminine bedroom furniture in lacey valentine cushions, low sweeping dressing tables, king-size beds with the queen canopy, wall mirrors to match the ceiling mirror all in off-gold with indirect lighting plus the new sunken tub in a bathroom which divides by a spun glass draw curtain!... The new sandals for summerwear will have a built in comfort arch support! Coming Hush Hush Events: Watch for your local Better Business Bureau and the United States Federal Court to crack down on the "Chinohilla" racket! There are many honest people in this profession, but there are mounting complaints that dishonest and fraudulent contracts and promises were made which have cost trusting fore some salesman sells you another piece of the sky, go to your public library and look up exactly the future of the chinohilla industry!... You can be assured of a new series of coming "road blocks" when you cross state lines on the principal and not so heavily traveled highways due to the increase of stolen cars, juvenile gangsterism and smuggling. Both State and Federal officers will be stationed at various points to apprehend this new increase in crime!

Just For You Girls: Lady barbers will be the rage in 1955—Many Beauty

LAW IN ACTION. TELL YOUR HEIRS WHERE TO GET ADVICE. After your death, your heirs may need your advice. As a rule, you don't put much detailed advice into your will. But you should put it in a letter to your survivors. Jot down these ideas for possible advice: Do you want to warn your heirs not to make any business deal after your death? Insurance companies say that 60 percent of the lump sum life insurance payments are wasted in the first year after death, perhaps a danger period. When you die, your bank will not honor outstanding checks. Without proper advice, your heirs should not issue new checks nor pay other debts. They should ask your creditors to file claims with the estate. When you die, any bank accounts on which you could draw checks will be frozen for a time. Your safety deposit box will be frozen, must consent before anyone can use them. Consent is easy to get through the bank or your lawyer. In the last two columns we have taken up some things you should cover in a letter to your heirs. You may think of other vital facts about your business and personal affairs that would be helpful. NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

Gold Hearings Start WITNESSES: The recent hearings before a senate subcommittee on banking and finance, with testimony offered by various proponents for a return to a gold coin standard of money, developed some interesting features. Three major groups of professional witnesses appeared before the committee. The national administration was represented by W. Randolph Burgess, deputy to the Secretary of the Treasury, and William McChesney Martin, Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System. Through the efforts of the Gold Standard League, a number of professional monetary economists, members of the Economists' National Committee on Monetary Policy, together with several prominent bankers of high standing in the nation, presented a great quantity of historical and statistical data supporting their recommendations for a return to sound and honest money. The gold mining interests were represented by Harry Sears, president of Calaveras Central Gold Mining Co., Ltd., and director of the California Gold Committee, and by D. H. McLaughlin, president of Homestake Mining Co., who presented the bulk of the testimony for the mining interests.

conditions, to include monetary conditions, were not too good at present, and that we should not return to a gold coin standard until the monetary system (of irredeemable currency) improved considerably. (Such currencies never improve.) But from Mr. Martin's viewpoint the system now in use is sound; people are not afraid of the present currency; there is no evidence to indicate an attempt at escape to stable commodities. He therefore proposed that now was not the time, but that when conditions got much worse then would be the time; for it would be necessary then to do something to restore confidence in a rapidly depreciating currency. So our government witnesses offered a wide range of opinion, as opposed to analysis, concerning the time when we should return to gold. According to Mr. Martin it should be when things are much worse than now. Apparently it would be very difficult to get these money managers together on an idea as to when redeemability would be feasible.

Several senators and representatives also appeared before the subcommittee to address themselves on the provisions of the several bills now before the committee for consideration. POINT OF AGREEMENT: On one single point there was complete agreement and endorsement by every witness appearing before the subcommittee—that a return to the gold coin standard of money was desirable and necessary to maintain a strong and sound economy. Regardless of what you may have read in the news or heard over radio and television regarding the attitude of Mr. Burgess and Mr. Martin, both of these gentlemen agreed without reservation that a gold coin standard of money was essential to a sound monetary system and that it was desirable we should return to such a standard. Their disagreement with other witnesses was not on the desirability of return to a gold coin standard of money, but was on the matter of "timing." To the question—Should we return to a gold coin standard of money?—the replies of both Mr. Burgess and Mr. Martin were, "Yes, but not now," in were, "Yes, but not now."

It is safe to report that the wide discrepancy with regard to "timing" offered by the administration's witnesses did much to discredit their judgment and efficiency in monetary matters in the eyes of the subcommittee, for the discrepancy did not pass unnoticed either by the senators or by the economists and other witnesses. Indeed it was pointed out time and again with an amusing effect. In later columns I will review the substance of reports offered by the monetary economists and by the gold mining interests. But I want to say now that I came away from these discussions with a hopeful feeling that a bill for return to a gold coin standard will be presented to the senate in the near future, and that it will be approved.

WITNESSES CONFUSED: It was Mr. Burgess' idea that

in following through Mr. Martin's idea of when things would be much worse than now, we can only hope that he is taking the attitude that has been historically assumed by all central bankers with regard to inflation of the currencies. In the early 1920s when the German mark had dropped to 10 percent of its original gold worth, the suave gentlemen of German finance were still saying: "Everything is sound. We have it all under control."

What People Will Do: President Eisenhower, Senator McCarthy and Bishop Sheen will be burned in effigy in the of the Communist May Day on coming world-wide celebration May 1st!... Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, faces public ridicule over his coming warning of the increasing danger in China to the Empire!... Colleen Moore, one of the brightest stars ever to grace our silver screen, will make a startling comeback in the type of gamine role which made her famous!... Kathleen Winsor, the lady novelist who gave us "Forever Amber" will next write about the private life and loves of an internationally known diplomat who hopes to be elevated to a great or rank in power!... Vice President Nixon will have a one-a-week report to the people via radio and television September 1st!... Charles A. Lindbergh will soon testify in a closed hearing for some top Pentagon officials concerning the practical use of the new jet propelled rocket ships for peacetime travel!

Curious Conflict: How bad does Mr. Martin want it to get before the people's faith in their currency should be restored through redeemability in gold? The currency has lost about half its buying power now. And just how good does Mr. Burgess want it to be before we are offered the privilege of full redeemability? Does he want all that lost buying power restored, or what? If we accept the full range of the Burgess-Martins views on timing, we must assume that there never would be a proper time for a return to a sound and honest money, though the ultimate objective of both of these men was for such a return.

Abbie: You will very definitely start your daughter on a series of lessons and her teacher will determine whether to continue. She has a talent for music, but she learns rather slowly but meticulously and would have to study for a long period of time. Wanda: Your mother-in-law opposed your marriage for she did not feel her son was secure enough to support a wife, and she was afraid he would demand money of her to support a family. She realizes you brought this man to the realization of responsibility and is proud to have you as a member of her family. You will help her at this time as you need, and I know she will repay you as soon as she is able. There will be another child by mid-1955. You will take this trip you have been planning and will enjoy it to the utmost. Mrs. F. T.: This will be legal and your cousin will be unable to cause you any harm. He is an adopted son which will be brought out with further investigation. This money is legally yours, and the selfish man will not be able to wrest it from you. Olga E. 212: By all means the law must step in and you are quite secure from then on. Your husband's former record will not help him in this second offense. You have more than been fair with this man. Mrs. Pearl Z.: Your sister will not last beyond the month of May. Augusta L. D.: You cannot get the price for your house as it is quite old, but you will be very successful in renting out rooms for this will bring you in quite a bit of money. You will not have to work part time. Your birds will not annoy the tenants.

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